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**For: Positioning Apparatus And Clamping System Having The Same**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

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**ACCOMPANYING FORM PTO-1449 SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

Japanese Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, issued in corresponding Japanese patent application 2005-514379.



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**STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS**

An English language copy of the abstract for JP 48-96577 identified on the Form PTO-1449 is appended herewith. A full translation of this document is not available to the Applicants' attorney.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits received by Applicant in the above-identified application.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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